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**TWO BOSSES OF BALTIMORE HEROIN ORGANIZATION  
SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that U.S. District Court Judge Marvin J. Garbis today sentenced Warren Blount, age 40, and Donnell Pierce, aka "Nut," age 27, both of Baltimore, to 30 years in prison following their January 15, 2004 conviction by a jury on charges of conspiracy to distribute heroin in Baltimore over nearly seven years and two counts of possession with intent to distribute heroin.

The evidence presented at the two week trial established that Blount and his nephew Pierce were the bosses of the "Red & White" heroin organization which operated in the area of Biddle and Greenmount in East Baltimore for many years. In 2001, law enforcement agents caught Pierce tossing 200 capsules of heroin as he was running from detectives from the Baltimore Police Department Warrant Apprehension Task Force.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Baltimore City Police Department, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Craig M. Wolff and Steven H. Levin.